

Goa gets direct connection to Lakshadweep's Agatti

In a significant development for Goa's tourism industry, the state is now directly linked to the Lakshadweep Islands, with flights commencing from April 18.

One of the four weekly flights operated by Goa-based airline FLY91, the Goa-Agatti-Goa route, will operate from Manohar International Airport, as announced by the airline on Thursday. Alongside the Goa-Agatti sector, the regional airline also disclosed plans to initiate operations on the Goa-Jalgaon and Hyderabad-Jalgaon routes from April 18, expanding its network to encompass new destinations across the country.

The incorporation of Agatti and Jalgaon as domestic sectors in FLY91's network aligns with the domestic summer holiday season. Agatti Island, a 6km stretch of land boasting diverse marine life, gained popularity after Prime Minister Narendra Modi featured it in a video on his social media channel in early January. Agatti allures enthusiasts of deep-sea fishing, scuba diving, sailing, water skiing, and kayaking. Moreover, the island serves as an ideal gateway for exploring the serene isles of Bangaram, Pitti, Thinnakara, Parali-I, Parali-II, and Karavati located nearby.

"Lakshadweep, India's captivating union territory, is FLY91's latest domestic destination. The introduction of these new flights underscores FLY91's dedication to enhancing air travel accessibility and promoting tourism," stated Manoj Chacko, Managing Director, and Chief Executive Officer at FLY91.

Tourism stakeholders anticipate that the flights will benefit travelers, especially honeymooning couples, enabling them to plan their sojourns in both Goa and Agatti.